UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
V.) Criminal No. 22-10038-IT
ARIEL LEGASSA,) Criminal No. 22-10038-11
Defendant)
)

NOTICE OF INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE

February 22, 2022

Hennessy, M.J.

In this case, Defendant is charged in an indictment with seven counts of Mail Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341, and three counts of Money Laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1957. Defendant was arraigned on February 22, 2022, by videoconference, and has elected to proceed under the automatic discovery rules. Accordingly:

- 1. A Joint Memorandum addressing those items set forth in L.R. 116.5(a) shall be filed on or before the close of business on <u>Friday, April 8, 2022</u>. Unless the parties inform the court in the Joint Memorandum that there is no need for an initial status conference, such a conference will be held on <u>Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.</u>, in Courtroom No. 1 on the Fifth Floor of the Donohue Federal Building, 595 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. If the parties do not inform the court on or before <u>Friday, April 8, 2022</u> that there is no need for an initial status conference, then the parties must appear for the initial status conference by telephone.¹
- 2. If counsel feel that there is a need for an initial status conference, then on or before the close of business on <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 8</u>, <u>2022</u>, counsel shall provide my Courtroom Clerk, Dawn King, (508.929.9905 or <u>Dawn King@mad.uscourts.gov</u>), their telephone contact information, which <u>must be a landline telephone</u>.

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¹ Defendants are not required to be present at the Initial Status Conference. Inasmuch as this court concludes that the Initial Status Conference is not a critical proceeding within the meaning of Rule 43 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, a defendant in custody will <u>not</u> be transported to court for the Initial Status Conference, absent a request by counsel.

- 3. ORIGINALS OF ALL MOTIONS, MEMORANDA, PLEADINGS, ETC. MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT (INCLUDING ELECTRONIC FILING). NEITHER FAXES NOR E-MAIL FILINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- 4. Counsel shall address in their memorandum or at the status conference any issues regarding discovery of electronically stored information.
- 5. Counsel shall provide an estimate of when they believe this case will be ready to be transferred to District Judge Talwani.

/ s / David H. Hennessy David H. Hennessy United States Magistrate Judge